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THE INDEPENDENT

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E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1904.

THE Royersford Tribune has entered upon its twentieth year. We heartily wish our cotemporary continued and increasing prosperity.

A BANK cashier in Cleveland, Ohio, has gone wrong to the extent of \$170,000. He speculated in grain and used the funds of the bank to make good his losses. The old story.

THE U. S. Senate has adopted the resolution of inquiry calling on the President for information concerning affairs in Panama, introduced by Mr. Gorman.

IN the horrible mine disaster in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Monday, it is estimated that one hundred and eighty lives were lost. The men were blown to pieces by the explosion of gas.

WE hear that Editor Haldeman, of the Harleysville News, intends to help make Montgomery county politics particularly interesting in this Presidential year of 1904. He proposes to again be a candidate for High Sheriff.

FROM the Providence Journal: "When good eggs are with difficulty obtainable at four and five cents apiece, the American hens may pride themselves on being quite as able as any Trust to make the consumer squirm."

IF some of the journalists of Bucks and Montgomery counties should take to French as a diversion the menu cards in use last Saturday night will be held responsible for such mixture of English and French as may be noticed in our exchanges.

TO Editor and Diagnostician Heywood, of the Conshohocken Recorder: Perhaps 'tis better to diagnose and fail than not to diagnose at all. The editor of the INDEPENDENT herewith reiterates its most kindly considerations in your behalf.

SENATOR QUAY has expressed his purpose to insist that the delegates-at-large from Pennsylvania to the Republican National Convention shall be instructed to support Roosevelt. It is quite probable that the district delegates will be so instructed wherever the rules permit it.

SATISFIED that he cannot acquire a third nomination for the Presidency, and that his financial platforms are but ghosts of the dead past, Wm. Jennings Bryan has evidently determined to name the next Democratic candidate for President, or keep right on disrupting the Democratic party.

A MOST disastrous tornado swept over a section of Alabama, Friday, and literally wiped the town of Moundsville from the face of the earth, killing 38 persons or more outright and injuring more than 100 others. Every business house in the town, with the exception of one small drug store, was destroyed. The property damage is about \$150,000.

JOSEPH S. THOMAS, of the Bristol Gazette, is an aspirant for a seat in the Pennsylvania Legislature. The Republicans of Bucks county will do well to honor him with the nomination, and the people of that county will do still better by electing him. His qualifications for the position are undisputed. He has the clear head of a manly, talented man. We wish him the success he richly merits.

GOVERNOR CUMMINS, of Iowa, says: "There has never been, and is not now, so far as I am aware, the slightest difference of opinion between the President and myself respecting the tariff, or reciprocity." Governor Cummins is an advocate of reciprocity and a reduction in tariff rates. A large majority of the Republicans, not directly benefited by the Dingley tariff, entirely agree with President Roosevelt and Governor Cummins, but they are not shouting out their opinions in meetin' just now.

THE Philadelphia Record very opportunely and correctly observes: "The citizens of Montgomery county will fail in appreciation of the services of two brave women if they shall not have a medal struck and presented to the wife and daughter of Warden Gotwals, who prevented the escape of two desperate ruffians from the Norristown jail on Sunday. Mrs. Gotwals' exploit of holding the two armed wretches at bay with an unloaded revolver was a wonderful exhibition of nerve and high courage and of rare devotion to the public service."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21, 1903.

The political storm which blew half a gale in Congress concerning Panama and the Post Office funds has subsided somewhat and there is a tendency on the part of representatives of both parties to slow up. It will be some weeks before the Panama treaty can be sent to the isthmus and returned with any new amendments ratified, even after it is adopted by the Senate. This will afford ample time for Senators to exhaust international law, hunt down precedents, and announce new departures. The general drift of Congressional legislation is along the line of conserving and promoting commercial interests, without disturbing the great questions of tariff or currency. Politically both Republicans and Democrats are sanguine and hopeful, and the apparition of Perry Heath no longer causes consternation. The shadow of "increasing cloudiness with variable winds" in the Hanna forecast has passed away, and the great Ohio President maker will support whomsoever is nominated at Chicago. W. J. Bryan has made many speeches since his return

from Europe and said many things which have set men to thinking, but he, too, agrees to support the St. Louis nominee. The future is big with events which no prevision can discern. The people are quietly looking over the ground and lining up on either side.

The funeral of the Illinois Congressman on Thursday was another example of extravagant expenditure. Its exact cost has not yet been added up, but as Illinois is not very near at hand, it was probably at least \$5,000. Whenever a Congressman dies it is deemed "court-ess" to vote public money for an ostentatious leave-taking. A committee of ten to twenty members is appointed by the Speaker to accompany the dead man from Washington to his former home. They charter a Pullman car and buffet, stock it with provisions, every necessity and luxury—then fill up the rest of the car with reporters, and others who wish to take a free ride. Champagne and whisky are always on hand in great abundance, and as they are free to all, they are partaken of with avidity. On many occasions the committee has arrived at its destination in a dismantled and demoralized condition, with several of the members so intoxicated that they could not partici-

pate in the funeral. Sometimes the committee is equipped throughout with new silk hats at the expense of the government and on rare occasions waterproof coats have been added, to ensure comfort. A Senator gave your correspondent one of the cigars freely handed out on one of these solemn picnics. It was, very appropriately, the color of gold, and it was enclosed in a little cut glass vial like a vial of attar of rose, with a dainty silk ribbon around its neck. Hundreds of these cigars are smoked on one of these junkets. Sometimes \$15,000 or \$20,000 or even more is spent on one of these occasions, and, on returning, the committee has frequently left their dead comrade's family behind in a state of destitution. Col. Dick Bright, Sergeant-at-arms, of the Senate under Cleveland and McKinley, made enemies in both parties because he refused to furnish champagne and whisky free. Hearst's funeral is said to have cost \$25,000, as there were several Pullmans, costing \$45 a day each and fares for eighteen passengers in each car.

Many petitions have come to Congress from all parts of the country for an appropriation to improve harbors and rivers, but as an election is at hand both parties are proclaiming economy and it is very doubtful if a river and harbor bill will get through this session. Notwithstanding the proclamations of frugality, however, Senator Hanna is holding up his platter, as usual, for a subsidy for ships. He asks what good the Panama canal will do without more ships.

This is the coldest January that Washington has seen for twenty-three years. Occasionally dandelions, forsythia, and tulips are in bloom at this date.

As if the pension list of the United States were not already large enough, interested parties are trying to induce Congress to create a civil pension list. To this end the Civil Service Bureau has been taking a census of all government employees and is preparing a report. It is proposed to give a pension of \$50 a month to all clerks who have been in the employ of the government for thirty years and have reached the age of seventy. It would seem that a clerk on a good round salary for thirty years ought to save enough to keep him above want for the rest of his life.

Scientific wonders will never cease. Dr. Merrill of the National Museum has explored a petrified forest in Montana and reports his opinion that it has turned to opal instead of agate.

Mrs. Roosevelt having abandoned afternoon teas, it is thought they will now go out of fashion. A new wrinkle for cottons this year is to invite twenty extra young men to be present so that wall-flowers may not blush unseen and waste their sighs on the ball room air.

The tremendous enterprises of the Pennsylvania R. R. are making havoc of our seaboard cities. Washington is torn up about as badly as New York. A large part of it looks like a wrecked mine, or as if a cyclone had struck it after being prospected for oil. Where the new Union station is to stand more than 500 buildings have been torn down, and cutting, filling, carting, blasting, are going on seven days in the week and almost all hours of the day and night. On these ruins a \$7,000,000 transportation palace is at once to be erected.

The papers of James K. Polk, and Martin Van Buren have been added to the collection in the Library of Congress of manuscripts of distinguished men. They cover two exciting periods of American history, and include thousands of letters written by the leading men of the country at that time, and numerous manuscripts and speeches. The Library has now collections of papers by Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jackson.

PICTURES TRUE TO LIFE.

There is in operation in New York a photographic gallery run on entirely new lines. The picture man does not prop his victims up in the clammy embrace of a head rest and tell him, "Wet your lips" or "Look pleasant," but, on the contrary, tells the sitter to be seated or to move around or do anything he may fancy. In other words you are invited to make yourself entirely at home, and, while you are doing this, he takes a series of pictures which shows the characteristics of the pose or walk, which go very largely to make a real life picture. In the case of the baby it is placed on the floor or a large couch with its favorite toys, and while it is engaged in amusing itself the camera is put to work in front of it, and the resulting pictures portray the youngster in all its natural grace and all its particular little pranks are recorded in black and white, and can be viewed at will either in a machine of small dimensions, which is made for the purpose, or may be projected on a wall or curtain for the amusement and edification of assembled guests by a lantern.

Life pictures have been made for some time, but it has heretofore been impossible to secure studies of this character, for the reason that they have been made only in the sunlight, but it is now rendered a simple performance by the use of the Cooper-Hewitt light, which has a quality necessary for the work, which has been found in no other means of illumination. The light is devoid of all red rays and abounds in those of purple which are those

having the greatest action on the photographic plate, and by this means it is possible to illuminate the studio for the purpose of making the pictures with the rapidity necessary to catch the impression of the object moving in front of the camera.

The light is what is known as a mercury vapor lamp, and the light is obtained by causing the electric current to traverse the field within the glass tubes which comprise the lamp, and which is impregnated with certain gases. Alone it makes a ghastly blue radiance, which is very objectionable for some purposes, but it is all right for those of the camera. In the studio this light is used in conjunction with the electric arc lamp, which tempers the intense blue. These living pictures have been taken before by the use of the arc lamp, but such powerful lights were required, and so many of them were necessary that the experiment, while an artistic success, was a commercial failure.

A REMARKABLE VERDICT.

Forty-five hundred dollars for fifteen odoriferous eggs is the price the Supreme Court of this State has just put on this article of commerce by a decision in the action of Henry F. Seawell against the Seaboard Air Line Railway, says a Raleigh, N. C., dispatch to the New York Press.

In the year 1900 Mr. Seawell was the Republican-Populist candidate for Lieutenant Governor. During the campaign he went to the town of Shelby to fill an appointment of Senator Marion Butler. In the course of his remarks he excited the anger of the Democrats in his audience by a scathing denunciation of the methods of their party. The Democrats attempted to prevent Mr. Seawell from finishing his speech and he denounced them in unmeasured terms for their rowdism.

After his speech Mr. Seawell went to the railroad station and a crowd of infuriated Democrats followed him. Mr. Seawell bought his ticket and proceeded to promenade on the platform. He was faultlessly dressed in a high silk hat, a black Prince Albert coat, white vest, dark trousers and patent leather shoes, and carried a gold-headed cane.

The Democrats armed themselves with eggs which had been in existence several months under a hot sun, and as Mr. Seawell appeared on the platform the eggs were hurled at him. They burst all round him, and fifteen by actual count struck his apparel. In addition to the disgusting appearance which the contents of the eggs gave to his clothes, the intensified odor arising therefrom made Mr. Seawell despise himself for the time being and kept his friends at a distance.

For this indignity and assault and battery Mr. Seawell brought suit against the Seaboard Air Line Company, because the agent at the station and other employees of the company actively engaged in dashing stale eggs against him. The case was tried in the Superior Court, and was decided in favor of the plaintiff. The Supreme Court has just affirmed the decision of the Superior Court, with an intimation that the jury might have increased the amount of damages without making the sum excessive or exorbitant.

GOVERNMENT LAND.

From Maxwell's Tallismon.

During the last fiscal year, according to the report of the commissioner of the general land office, 22,650,928 acres of the public lands were taken up by private individuals. These enormous figures ought to be sufficient to open the eyes of every one to the fact that our public domain is passing into the hands of private individuals at an alarming rate and convince the people of the urgent need of reform in our land laws. The public lands it has always been contemplated, should be for home builders, but it is a fact beyond dispute that but a small portion of the lands now passing out of the hands of the government goes to actual settlers or to create homes. This fact taken in connection of recent exposures of wholesale land stealing by speculators and syndicates, should arouse the people to demand of their representatives in Congress to call a halt to this rapid disposal of the remaining public lands. Repeal the desert land act and the commutation clause of the homestead act and the stealing of the public domain will stop.

Make it the law that not another acre of government land shall pass to private ownership until the applicant or the same has shown his good faith and real intention to make his home upon the land by actual residence and cultivation for a term of five years, and the occupation of the land speculator and land grabber will be gone. Every bona fide settler who goes upon the land with the intention of making his home is more than willing to abide by such a law. It is the speculator and the public land grabber who have profited by the commutation clause in the homestead act and not the actual settler and home maker. This clause in the homestead law should be repealed without further delay for the protection of the genuine settler who wants to make his home on the land.

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SHAKING HANDS.
The custom of shaking hands originated in the ancient practice of adversaries grasping the weapon hand during a truce as a precaution against treachery. When two friends met they extended their weapon hands to each other as a sign that there was no need to stand on the defensive, and a handshake was but the natural outcome of a hearty and vigorous grasp.

Shaking hands appears to have become usual in the middle ages. Grasping hands made its appearance in early times as a legal act symbolic of the parties pointing in compact, peace or friendship. This is well seen in marriage, where the hand grasp was part of the ancient Hindu ceremony, as was the "dextrarum junctio" of Rome, which has passed into the Christian rite. We see it also used as a mere salutation, as where the tiresome acquaintance met by Horace in his stroll along the Via Sacra seized his hand.

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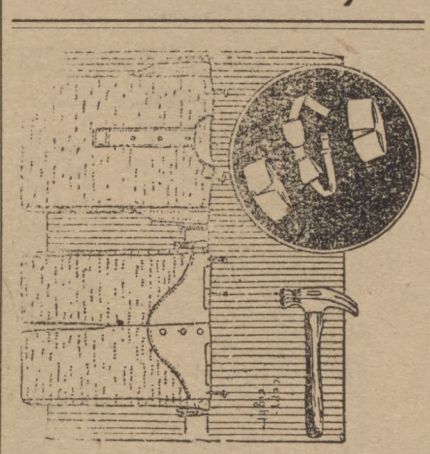
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